

GEAR UP Kentucky TWO

AWARENESS—providing counseling and information for students about the value of postsecondary education, pre-college preparation, college admissions requirements, costs and financial aid.

RIGOR—ensuring that all students have access to rigorous coursework; improving teaching practices; and enriching instruction

ENGAGEMENT—involving parents in setting high expectations for students and providing information about college planning.

ACCESS—ensuring that no student is denied college for financial reasons, and providing information about financial aid and planning.

SUPPORT—preventing students from failing by providing academic and developmental support.

GEAR UP KENTUCKY PRIORITY AREAS

Awareness	✓
Rigor	✓
Engagement	✓
Access	✓
Support	✓

New Grant, New Schools: 2005—2011

- Six-year program approved by the U.S. Department of Education for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
- Benefits new group of *seventh* grade students in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Services will continue through high school graduation.
- Targets new schools—exceptions may apply. Schools remain for duration of project.
- GEAR UP staff, working with KDE will identify all eligible schools by county and establish priorities for final selection of schools.
- Host institutions will develop early intervention programs for targeted students and identify school improvement resources for schools in area.

Priorities for Selecting Schools

The Council and KDE staff approve final selection of all schools that participate based on the following priorities:

- Less than 50 percent of students perform at *proficient and distinguished levels* in one or more of the following on CATS: mathematics, science or reading.
- The school is located in a county where less than 15 percent of adults hold a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- More than 50 percent of high school graduates score 18 or below in English or Math on the ACT (taken from the High School Feedback report).
- More than 50 percent of high school graduates take two or more remedial courses in the first year of college (taken from the High School Feedback report).
- Between 55 and 75 percent of students in the school are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch.
- The school is ranked at or near Level I on the state or federal ranking of schools.

